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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, June 15, 2008**. Scattered rainfall across the state improved moisture conditions, but widespread rainfall is needed to enhance crop conditions. Wheat harvesting is near completion in some areas of the state with reported yields being much better than anticipated. There have been few reports of insect problems in row crops, and double cropping activities are underway. Soil moisture was rated 5 percent very short, 43 percent short, 49 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 06/15/08

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, emerged	100	100	100	100
Corn, silked	61	28	81	63
Corn, dough	5	3	16	4
Cotton, planted	100	97	100	100
Cotton, emerged	98	92	100	99
Cotton, squaring	14	5	47	40
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	100	98	100	97
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	38	30	23	29
Peanuts, planted	100	96	100	--
Rice, planted	99	98	100	100
Rice, emerged	95	95	100	100
Sorghum, planted	99	98	100	100
Sorghum, emerged	95	90	100	100
Sorghum, heading	3	--	5	4
Soybeans, planted	99	96	100	99
Soybeans, emerged	95	92	99	97
Soybeans, blooming	38	24	48	45
Sweet Potatoes, planted	56	40	76	59
Watermelons, planted	100	99	100	100
Winter Wheat, mature	99	97	100	99
Winter Wheat, harvested	84	48	88	82

Crop condition for week ending 06/15/08

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	0	9	83	8
Corn	3	3	15	56	23
Cotton	1	4	21	63	11
Hay	1	8	25	51	15
Livestock	3	13	23	46	15
Pasture	4	15	31	40	10
Peanuts	0	0	0	100	0
Rice	0	3	10	65	22
Sorghum	0	2	11	68	19
Soybeans	1	6	20	55	18
Watermelons	0	0	7	93	0
Winter Wheat	0	2	8	49	41

Comments

“Wheat harvest and double cropped soybeans, grain sorghum, and rice are the main activities this week. Cotton and corn have gotten a second dose of fertilizer and it is really showing up. Wheat yields are averaging good to very good.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Overall, crops are looking good. Mostly all corn fields and many soybean fields are being irrigated. Wheat yields have been much better than anticipated, and may set a record high.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Planting is almost complete. A few more wheat beans will be planted by next week. There are some reports of stinkbugs in corn and soybeans, but no spraying at this time. Sweet corn harvest will begin next week.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Plenty of warm temperatures for the week helped summer forage production progress. Hay harvest of mixed summer and cool season forages was the event across the county. Row crops are progressing well. A pattern of afternoon showers has developed with some daily amounts in scattered locations reaching two inches. Most areas received some rainfall during the week.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Dry weather is still plaguing us in south MS. We need rain to enhance plant growth. Drought conditions combined with compacted soils in forages are causing reduced root growth and impeding nutrient uptake. Annual forages and bahia grass are showing nutrient deficiencies.”

— Carolyn Conger, Covington

“Wheat harvest has been good and growers are about finished. All other crops look good. We need rain.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“We received some scattered showers during last week that was good for all crops. Wheat is being harvested and double cropped to soybeans.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“There are few insects in the row crops right now so we are getting fertilizer and herbicides out. We are getting very dry right now and could use rain.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Most corn has received nitrogen and herbicide applications. Soybeans are still being planted and fewer emergence problems are being encountered. Winter wheat harvest has begun.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“A few localities have received showers that have helped make the transition from too wet to dry, but much of the area needs a good rain now.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Tillage operations are causing rapid evaporation. Isolated rains over the weekend brought needed moisture, but widespread rainfall is needed. Sugarcane beetles in corn and flea beetles in sweet potatoes are causing some troubles.”

— Dr. Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Recent rainfall has been a plus to producers. The blueberry crop is good. Some blueberry loss can be attributed to late frost, but prospects are excellent for a good harvest. Rainfall has also been a plus for cattle producers who have pastures that are providing good grazing for cattle. Producers are also looking for ways to reduce their equipment operating expenses.”

— Florieda K Mason, Perry

“Rain showers over last three days have helped. Since one day we received two inches of rain in 45 minutes, crop conditions will depend on how much is soaked into the ground.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

“Rain is needed to complete the corn and watermelon crop. Soybeans and peanuts are receiving timely rain and progressing along and nicely. Blueberry harvest will be completed in about 21 to 28 days.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 06/15/08													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Cleveland				78		0.51	-0.66	1	1.07				
Lambert						0.61	-0.61	1	1.82				
Tunica	95	67	82	78	4	1.07	-0.19	2	2.75				
Extreme/Average						0.73	-0.49	1	1.88				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	90	67	78	76	2	2.75	1.70	3	5.27				
Grenada	90	66	78	76	2	1.98	0.79	4	2.61				
Independence	91	66	78	76	2	2.40	1.26	3	4.19				
Oxford	92	67	79	76	3	2.79	1.70	5	4.05				
Extreme/Average	92	66	78	76	2	2.48	1.36	4	4.03				
Northeast													
Pontotoc	91	66	78	76	2	0.30	-0.89	2	1.46				
Ripley	92	65	77	75	2	2.16	1.08	2	4.83				
Tupelo	94	69	81			0.23	0.00	1	3.26				
Verona	94	68	80	77	3	0.26	-0.85	3	3.06				
Extreme/Average	94	65	79	76	3	0.74	-0.22	2	3.15				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	90	68	80	79	1	0.19	-0.79	2	3.13				
Rolling Fork	94	68	81	79	2	0.48	-0.52	2	2.31				
Stoneville	94	68	82	79	3	0.25	-0.68	1	3.32				
Yazoo City	92	69	80	79	1	1.03	0.10	2	5.16				
Extreme/Average	94	68	81	79	2	0.49	-0.47	2	3.48				
Central													
Carthage	91	66	79	77	2	0.94	0.17	3	0.94				
Eupora	92	64	77	76	1	1.24	0.26	2	3.87				
Kosciusko	91	67	79	77	2	0.98	0.20	2	3.27				
Extreme/Average	92	65	78	76	2	0.82	-0.06	3	2.42				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	92	63	78	76	2	0.07	-0.94	4	0.53				
Macon	94	69	81	77	4	1.45	0.41	3	6.29				
State University	93	67	80	77	3	2.77	1.86	4	4.75				
Extreme/Average	94	63	80	77	3	1.43	0.44	4	3.86				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	95	68	82	79	3	0.71	-0.59	1	0.92				
Natchez	93	69	81	79	2	0.02	-1.10	1	1.02				
Oakley	97	65	81	78	3	0.00	-1.12	0	1.43				
Vicksburg	92	70	82			0.06	0.00	2	2.69				
Extreme/Average	97	65	82	79	3	0.20	-0.94	1	1.52				
South-Central													
Collins	92	68	80	77	3	1.50	0.59	1	2.60				
Columbia	94	70	82	79	3	0.42	-0.70	2	5.10				
Raleigh	92	64	78			0.11		2	1.90				
Tylertown	92	65	79	78	1	0.05	-1.07	2	0.36				
Extreme/Average	94	65	80	78	2	0.52	-0.39	2	2.49				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	93	68	80	79	1	1.23	0.25	4	1.92				
Laurel	94	68	80	78	2	0.97	0.11	3	2.29				
Newton	93	63	78	77	1	0.09	-0.75	1	1.37				
Waynesboro	94	66	80	77	3	3.95	2.97	2	6.83				
Coastal													
Extreme/Average													
State	97	63	80	77	3	1.03	0.05	2	3.01				

DFN = Departure from Normal.